

Some common questions concerning the Innovative CTE Programs Grant

- 1) The ADE website does not offer information as to program scope and purpose of the new and Emerging Programs....can we write a grant proposal without having ADE's specific and approved verbiage in describing these new and emerging programs?

The standards, program descriptions and sequences for these "new and emerging" programs are currently under review and in the process of being developed. They have not been finalized.

In the meantime, and for the purpose of this grant competition, ADE/CTE is very interested in hearing what innovative approaches and interpretations the Districts have for these programs.

In a nutshell - when the committee meets and reviews the proposals there will not necessarily be a specific set of standards, program descriptions or sequences that the proposal will be judged against if the proposal focuses on these "new and emerging" programs for which the standards are not developed.

The intent, spirit and nature of this(these) grant award(s) is to solicit ideas, practices, proposal and innovative ideas from the end-users! In constructing this grant it was collectively decided NOT to provide too many "in-house" constraints and afford some creative freedom to the applicant. Therefore the "template" of program descriptions and sequences is not necessary to be competitive in this grant process.

- 2) How much funding can a district apply for?

The total amount allotted through Perkins IV is \$600,000 awarded every year for innovative grants. If there are 3 recipients awarded the first year then the combined award amount for all three would not exceed \$600,000.

As outlined in the Project Description the project proposal should clearly articulate a Year 1 Design and Development focus and a Year 2 Implementation and Sustainability focus.

- 3) I don't understand how we are writing the grant to cover two years, but the award is only for one year and then has the potential for renewal for that second year.

The submitted project is to outline two years of project – Design and Development the first year, Implementation and Sustainability the second year. Why renewable after the first year? In the event the Design and Development year fails to meet its prescribed objectives, then there would not be an Implementation year. Hence the grant would be renewable for the second year – after the report of the first years' progress is outlined and there is viable proof that year two can proceed as planned.

4) Who will decide who gets awarded the grant(s)?

Once all submissions have been received (October 5 deadline) a committee will be created. This committee will be comprised of stakeholders/end-users/customers/etc. who have not applied for the grant nor have an association (conflict of interest) with any applicant.

5) Are the total funds available to the state for award of the grant \$600,000 or can one district apply for up to \$600,000?

Yes.

6) Can Tech Prep consortia apply?

No. Only secondary eligible recipients can....but they can be a member of a Tech Prep Consortia. If a partnership, they will have to clearly describe the “collaboration with postsecondary institutions(s)/universities and other business partners”. In a few words – there can be only one “lead” secondary eligible recipient (as identified in the accompanying list enclosed with the grant announcement).